GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2310
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CENTRAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOP MINOR PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tuticorin Port Trust has sent a proposal to the Union Government to develop three major inner harbours at an estimated cost of Rs.840 crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some State Governments have also requested for Central assistance to develop some minor ports due to increased traffic;

(d) if so, the details thereof; Port-wise; and

(e) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b):Tuticorin Port Trust has sent a proposal for 'Inner Harbour Development' works at an estimated cost of Rs. 680 crore in September, 2004. The development works comprise the following:

1. Construction of Coal Berth Rs. 40.00 crore

2. Construction of Berth No.9 Rs. 40.00 crore

3. Reclamation and heavy duty pavement Rs. 15.00 crore

4. Construction of 3 Nos. shallow berths Rs. 30.00 crore

5. Structural upgradation of Coal Jetty-2 Rs. 5.00 crore
6. Dredging the dock basin and channel to cater 12.80 m draught vessels Rs. 450.00 crore

7 Replacement of old cranes at berth Nos. 1& 2 Rs. 20.00 crore

8. Floating crafts Rs. 60.00 crore

9. Auxilliary facilities Rs. 20.00 crore

Planning Commission's in-principle approval has been sought on the proposal.

(c) to (e) The responsibility for development of ports other than major ports lies with the State Governments concerned which also have administrative control over such ports under the provisions of Indian Ports Act, 1908. Some State Governments have sent requests for Central Assistance to develop minor ports. However, there is no scheme to grant Central Assistance to the State Governments to develop minor ports.